

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Community Development Director via City Manager

SUBJECT: Sierra Point Design Guidelines Referral to Open Space and Ecology Committee

DATE: Meeting of January 9, 2012

City Council Goals:

To promote economic development that stabilizes and diversifies the tax base. (Goal #4)
To develop plans and pursue opportunities to enhance open space. (Goal #7)
To preserve and enhance livability and diversity of neighborhoods. (Goal #14)
To preserve the unique current character of Brisbane. (Goal # 16)

Purpose:

For the City Council to establish parameters for the review of the Sierra Point Design Guidelines by the Open Space and Ecology Committee.

Recommendation:

That the City Council provide direction to the Open Space and Ecology Committee for its review of the Sierra Point Design Guidelines.

Background:

At the City Council workshop of December 12, 2011 regarding the Sierra Point Design Guidelines, the City Council referred the proposed Design Guidelines update to the Open Space and Ecology Committee (OSEC) for review.

In addition to policy issues associated with public space at Sierra Point that were the focus of the proposed guidelines update, the City Council expressed concern that the Guidelines originally adopted in the 1980's do not reflect current environmental conditions such as sea level rise, nor the City's policy directions in regarding to other environmental topics such as green building standards and sustainability. The City Council referred the draft guidelines to OSEC for input on these environmental issues to ensure that they reflect current conditions.

Discussion:

As the scope of the Design Guidelines update is being expanded, it would be appropriate for the City Council to provide further direction to staff and OSEC regarding the topics that OSEC will be focusing upon in their review of the updated Design Guidelines.

Based upon discussions at the December 12 City Council workshop, the following topics have been identified for review by OSEC:

- Incorporation of sustainability principles into the Design Guidelines;
- Ensuring that the Design Guidelines reflect current green building requirements and standards;
- Ensuring that the standards included in the Design Guidelines promote and facilitate renewable energy generation;
- Ensuring the Design Guidelines reflect up to date information regarding projected sea level rise; and
- Ensure that Design Guidelines discussions pertaining to “open space” and “open area” are consistent with the City’s adopted 1994 General Plan.

This list is based upon information from the City Council’s previous workshop, and is intended only as a starting point for the City Council’s discussion. The City Council may also wish to consider establishing a deadline for OSEC’s review of the draft design guidelines.

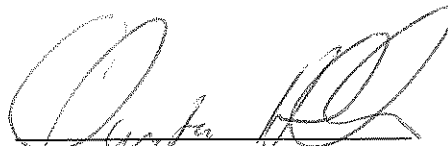
Fiscal Impact:

None.

Measure of Success:

To provide direction to OSEC, allowing them to focus their efforts in a manner which in turn assists them in providing timely and valuable input to the City Council.


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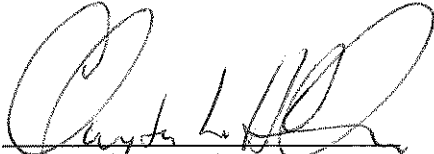
In addition to the referral of the updated Sierra Point Design Guidelines to the Open Space and Ecology Committee, the Design Guidelines will be further evaluated in regard to the following topics:

- Implications of the elimination of redevelopment on the further implementation of the Design Guidelines;
- Review/clarification of the regulatory authority of the Design Guidelines;
- Review/clarification of the development standards within the Guidelines to ensure they reflect the intent of the Guidelines update.

Additionally, staff will be contacting property owners directly impacted by the Design Guidelines update to solicit formal comment on the proposed updated guidelines.



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